

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT Application of)
Mark J. STEFIK et al.) Art Unit: 2164 (expected)
 Divisional Application of Serial No. 08/967,084) Examiner: F. Poinvil (expected)
 Divisional Filing Date: February 7, 2001)
 For: **SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF
 DIGITAL WORKS USING DIGITAL TICKETS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

February 7, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first sentence of the specification, insert --This application is a Divisional application of Serial No. 08/967,084, filed November 10, 1997, which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/344,760 filed November 23, 1994.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

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 Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.
 Add new claims 15 - 38 as follows:

a2 --15. A digital right management system comprising:
 a secure container;